



Milwaukee County

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2nd VOTING-AGE HISPANIC MAJORITY DISTRICT CREATED ON COUNTY BOARD

Supervisors Dimitrijevic, Romo West thank Redistricting Committee for adjusting tentative plan

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Redistricting Committee this afternoon approved a key amendment authored by Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic, Peggy A. Romo West and John F. Weishan, Jr., to strengthen Hispanic populations in both the 4th and 12th Districts. The solution was developed after soliciting input from the community, interacting with constituents, and working with County Board staff.

“This is the strongest Latino plan introduced to date. With these adjustments, the 4th District becomes the County Board’s second district with a majority Hispanic voting-age population and we maintain the 12th District as a Hispanic supermajority,” Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. “This is especially notable when you consider that, together, these two districts contain about 24,000 more residents than the two Hispanic-majority City of Milwaukee Aldermanic districts.”

“We thank the Redistricting Committee for adopting these adjustments and urge the full County Board to embrace these small changes to increase Latino representation,” Supervisor Romo West said. “Milwaukee County is on the forefront of accommodating Hispanic population growth. In 2004, the County Board created a Hispanic influence in District 4 and a Hispanic majority in District 12. Without this groundwork, it would have been much more difficult to reach the solution we did today. These actions will pay off for the Hispanic community and Milwaukee County as a whole.”

District	Tentative Plan <i>Hispanic population</i>	Adjusted plan <i>Hispanic population</i>	Tentative Plan <i>Voting-age Hispanic population</i>	Adjusted plan <i>Voting-age Hispanic population</i>
12	70.1%	70.0%	65.8%	65.9%
4	51.7%	58.3%	43.4%	50.6%

The adjustments adopted today change the County’s tentative redistricting plan. The Committee recommended that the County Board adopt this plan as the final redistricting plan, which will be publicly noticed for a later date.

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